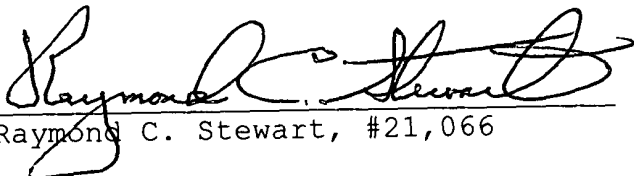


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Attachment: Version with Markings Showing Changes Made

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The claims have been amended as follows:

5. (Amended) A resin composition according to [any one of claims 1 to 4] claim 1, wherein the component (C) is a novolak phenol resin having a weight-average molecular weight of 500 to 10,000.

6. (Amended) A resin composition according to [any one of claims 1 to 5] claim 1, wherein the component (C) is a phenol resin modified with paraxylylene or alkylbenzene.

7. (Amended) A resin composition according to [any one of claims 1 to 6] claim 1, wherein the component (C) is a phenol resin containing 5% by weight or less of unreacted phenol.

8. (Amended) A resin composition according to [any one of claims 1 to 7] claim 1, wherein the metal salt (D) is at least one substance selected from the group consisting of an alkaline metal salt of a fatty acid and an alkaline earth metal salt of a fatty acid.

11. (Amended) A resin composition according to [any one of claims 1 to 10] claim 1, further comprising 5% by weight or less of (E) a silicon-based lubricant.